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Page 1, below title and above "TECHNICAL FIELD", please
insert the following:

--This application is a continuation patent application of
International Application PCT/JP00/05916 filed August 31, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following amended claim 37 is identical to the claim in
the application starting on page 240, fifth line from the bottom
and continuing through page 241 and ending on page 242, line 2
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